

NINETY-SECOND YEAR.

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ABDUL HAMID MUST  
PAY UP AT ONCE.

Turkish Minister Visits State Department in Quest of Information.

## HE IS HIGHLY INDIGNANT.

Minister Strains Persona Non Grata at Constantinople—Europe Expects America to Force Sultan to Liquidate.

REPUBLICAN SPECIAL.  
Washington, April 19.—According to dispatches in Washington who are acquainted with the situation in Turkey, the Turkish Minister of Foreign Affairs, who is in the city of Constantinople, is highly indignant at the failure of the Sultan to keep his promise in the matter of the settlement of the Turkish claims, and he is expected to make his persona non grata to the Sultan.

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It is understood that the Sultan will give the Minister to understand that the negotiations have reached a serious stage and the United States should be satisfied with the result.

The State Department has accepted Mr. Straus's declaration that the Sultan has not yet decided to permit the settlement of the claims, and it does not propose to permit the matter to drift along any longer.

The ultimatum on the subject has not yet been sent, but it is expected that the Sultan will be forced to liquidate the claims.

The appearance of an American fleet in Turkish waters would be the signal for the sending of large squadrons of Turkish troops to the coast of the Mediterranean Sea.

Most of these Powers also have military claims pending against Turkey, and the Sultan does not wish to pay the American claims because he will have to make settlements with other nations.

Occupation of Smyrna by the United States would be an act of war. The policy which would be adopted by European nations in the event of such action is not known.

Great Britain would be benefited in the event of such action, as it is a naval power, and it is expected that it will express sympathy with the American policy.

Europe Is Interested.  
London, April 19.—The interest in the Turkish claims is manifest in the newspapers of the United States, and it is expected that the Sultan will be forced to liquidate the claims.

It will be interesting to watch the game of protraction, to which Europe is accustomed, being played with the United States. America has entered the European arena, and apparently has no intention of standing aside.

Why should she? The Eastern question has no terrors for a power with a whole ocean between herself and the Balkans. The President thinks the Sultan has no place enough. But if America takes foot in Asia Minor, perhaps she will find that neither Russia nor Germany will be uninterested spectators.

The Pull Mail Gazette says: "Abdul and the sultan's policy are quite suited to dodging around each other without damage to anybody, but the trouble with the American Government must be rather different. These Americans, so far from playing a game, are just taking advantage of the situation."

The papers generally think Abdul Hamid will pay up.

ROYALTY RECEIVES BOERS.  
Peace Envoys Have Audience With Queen Wilhelmina.

## CONGRATULATED VICTORIA.

Belgian King's Action When Croyne Surrendered.

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TEN DAYS' DELUGE  
CHECKS BRITISH.

One Correspondent, However, Says Roberts Is Ready to Move.

## WEPENER REPORTED RELIEVED.

Dispatch From Bloemfontein Announces the Boers Have Left There and Are Moving to De Wet's Dorp.

London, April 19.—A deluge of rain, lasting ten days, has brought the operations in the eastern part of the Orange State almost to a standstill. The roads have become impassable, and the Boers have been forced to suspend their operations.

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There is nothing else to indicate that the movement of Wepener has been abandoned by the Boers.

Notwithstanding the rain, however, the British have made some progress, as the Boers have been forced to suspend their operations.

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Boer reports from Alwar North, dated from 100 to 120 miles away, are at variance.

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THE FARMER—IF I SHOULD STOP WORKING, WHAT WOULD BECOME OF YOU? YET I HAVE TO PAY YOU FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF BEING ON THIS EARTH.

## BLOEMFONTEIN CONCERT.

Rudyard Kipling's New Rhyme Was Sung at a Benefit.

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## LEADING TOPICS

TO-DAY'S REPUBLIC.

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BELIEVES M'KINLEY  
WILL LOSE OHIO.

Senator Wellington Says Maryland Also Is Gone if the President Is Renominated.

## BITTER FIGHT ON LOWDES.

Wellington Starts a Bank to Compete With That of His Former Ally and Employer.

REPUBLICAN SPECIAL.  
Baltimore, Md., April 19.—"I believe that the Republican party in Maryland is in jeopardy and that the State will be lost to the party if McKinley is renominated. More than I will go so far as to state that I do not believe McKinley will even carry his own State of Ohio."

This declaration was made today by Senator Wellington, the course of an interview concerning the trend between himself and former Governor Lowdes. It means that this will be a bad year for the Republican party in Maryland at least.

Wellington began his business career as a clerk in Lowdes's bank in Cambridge, and as a young man he was a member of the class in the school taught by the lady who is now Mrs. Lowdes. He has received credit for much of Mr. Lowdes's success in business and politics. About three years ago, however, the two men quarreled, and since then Senator Wellington has left nothing undone to ruin Lowdes.

He defeated his old friend for re-election as Governor, and has since then been working to attack him in a business way by organizing a rival bank in Cambridge, to compete with the Lowdes bank, which is the leading financial institution in the western part of the State.

Senator Wellington said today: "The Citizens' National Bank is organized for the purpose of securing the business of the city of Cambridge. Governor Lowdes is president of the Second National Bank, and as he is engaged in the business of the State, we will try to get all the business we can at the expense of our competitors."

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ALLISON OF IOWA  
THE CHOSEN MAN.

McKinley Urging the Senator to Be His Running Mate, as Roosevelt Won't.

## WESTERNER MAY ACCEPT.

Now in Consultation With His Home Supporters—He Could Hardly Secure His Re-election to the Senate.

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